

Please join

**Congressman John Conyers, Jr.
and Esteemed Panelists**

On International Human Rights Day

December 10, 2013

For a discussion on:

Employment, A Human Right

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3:30pm-5:00pm

Every 10 December the world remembers the extraordinary accomplishment on that day in 1948 when all the nations came together in Paris to sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The power and relevance of the recognition enshrined in the Declaration - that all human beings have fundamental rights and freedoms - includes Article 23, the Right to Employment.

Over the last year, 25%ⁱ of the American population was unemployed or underemployed, not earning enough to support their basic needs. To the extent that employment is one of the most important mechanisms for the allocation of individual purchasing power, the right to employment should be seen as the critical foundation of economic democracy. If society cannot assure the survival of all citizens through employment access, it may be that the government has a special obligation to provide employment opportunities for all. Join us for a discussion on these matters and Rep. Conyers' solution, H.R. 1000, the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Training Act.

Declaration of Human Rights, Article 23:

- (1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
- (2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
- (3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
- (4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Speakers to be announced soon

ⁱ <http://www.gallup.com/poll/125639/gallup-daily-workforce.aspx>